



June 13, 1997

The Honorable Ernest Istook
U.S. House of Representatives
119 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Istook:

We at Youth for Christ would like to offer our full and enthusiastic support of the Religious Freedom Amendment (HJRes 78) which you have presented to this session of Congress. We view your Amendment as the only way to restore religious liberties in America.

Youth for Christ is an international, interdenominational movement with affiliates in 225 cities across the United States and 127 countries around the world. Our target audience is junior high and senior high school students. As part of the body of Christ, our vision is to see every young person in every people group in every nation have the opportunity to make an informed decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ and become a part of a local church. Last year 600,000 young people were impacted by some aspect of our outreach and 33,000 young people made decisions to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Nationally, we have 982 full time paid staff, 592 part time staff and over 14,000 volunteers. Our annual budget is \$4.2 million.

We wholeheartedly encourage Congress to enact the Religious Freedom Amendment.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Cross". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Roger Cross
President

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